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Applicants:

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For:

AUTOMATION SYSTEM WITH AUTOMATION OBJECTS WITH A DIRECTORY STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF AUTOMATION OBJECTS IN A DIRECTORY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

September 7, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.